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UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

By the will of the late Sidney A. Kent, of Chicago, the University of Chicago receives \$50,000 and the Chicago Art Institute the same sum.

MRS. ALICE M. RICE, of Worcester, Mass., has bequeathed \$25,000 to Bowdoin College and \$5000 to the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The latter institution also receives a further contingent bequest of \$5000 and one-half the residue of the estate.

THE Maryland Legislature has appropriated \$24,000 a year for two years to the Johns Hopkins University. It will be remembered that for the past two years \$50,000 has been given annually by the State to the University. The request for a continuation of the appropriation was bitterly opposed, but finally \$25,000 was granted by the Senate. The House rejected the Senate Bill, as we reported last week, but it was finally brought up under the 'Omnibus' bill and passed, after being reduced to \$24,000 a year.

ON April 6th the Physical Laboratory of Lehigh University was destroyed by fire. The building was 220 feet long, 44 feet wide, and four stories high. It was built in 1892 at a cost of \$115,000 and it contained apparatus worth about \$35,000, most of which was destroyed. The private Library of Professor W. S. Franklin was mostly saved. The trustees at a meeting on the same day decided to rebuild at once the Laboratory, which will be equipped and ready for occupancy by next September.

THE University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., has received \$50,000 from Mr. George W. Quintard of New York City.

MR. JOSEPH A. CORAN has given \$20,000 to Bates College for a library building.

MR. GEORGE B. HARRISON, of Bloomington, Ill., has given to the Powell Museum, of Illinois Wesleyan University, a valuable collection of minerals, fossils, and specimens of natural

history, which he has made during the past twenty-five years.

It is understood that part of the recent gift of \$200,000 made by Sir William MacDonald, of McGill University, will be used to secure an extensive mineralogical collection.

AN anonymous benefactor has undertaken to endow a Colonial Fellowship of £100 a year for five years in connection with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. It will be granted to a graduate or student of a Colonial University who desires to carry on bacteriological work in the Thompson-Yates laboratories.

WE much regret to learn that the board of regents of West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va., has formally received from President Raymond charges of insubordination and incompetency against five of the professors with the recommendation that they be dismissed. The members of the faculty will file counter-charges and will insist upon the removal of the president.

DR. FRANK R. LILLIE, professor of biology at Vassar College, has accepted a professorship in the zoological department of the University of Chicago.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM OSLER of the Johns Hopkins University states that he is not a candidate for the chair of medicine in the University of Edinburgh.

DR. EDWARD A. ALDERMAN, president of the University of North Carolina, has been elected president of Tulane University to succeed the late Col. William Preston Johnson.

MR. H. WOODS, of St. Johns College, Cambridge, has been appointed university lecturer in paleozoology.

DR. HERMANN JULIUS KOLBE, curator of the Zoological Museum of the University of Berlin, has been promoted to a professorship.

DR. HUGO HERGESELL, docent and director of the Meteorological Institute of the University at Strassburg, has been appointed associate professor.

DR. KÖNIGSBERGER has qualified as docent in physics in the University of Freiberg, i. B. and Dr. August Klages, in chemistry at the University of Heidelberg.